(c) and (d) The IIM Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri R.C. Bhargava have submitted an Interim Report on 4th April, 2008 to the Government to ask all the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) to defer any increase in fee and keep it at the level of December, 2007 (*i.e.* at Rs. 3 lakhs or less as the case may be) till such time as the Committee submits its Final Report to the Government. The same has been forwarded to all the Chairmen of IIMs.

Setting up of new IITs and IIMs

2838. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to set up eight new IITs and seven new IIMs in the country during the next six years; and

(b) if so, what are the locations chosen to set up these institutions and on how many of them the construction work is proposed to be started during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have decided to set up eight new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and seven new Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) during the Eleventh Plan period in the following States.

IITs: Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab and Rajasthan.

IIMs: Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand.

(b) Actual locations of these institutions and their establishment would depend, among other things, on how quickly the concerned State Governments allot adequate land at suitable locations for the Institutes.

Vacancies in State and Central Universities

2839. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the positions in the faculties of State and Central Universities have remained vacant for years and if so, the details of vacancies in the Central and State universities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the positions in the faculties of scientific and technological institutions have remained vacant and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for keeping such faculty positions vacant; and

(d) what steps are being taken to fill up such positions with qualified candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) According to the